

Auctions

BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEES.
PUBLIC AUCTION.
MR. GEO. P. LAMMERT has been
instructed to sell by
PUBLIC AUCTION.

on
WEDNESDAY, the 7th June, 1899,
at 2.30 P.M.,
(POSTPONED FROM THE 25TH MAY.)
at his Office in Raddell Street,
— in 7 Lots —
THE FOLLOWING VERY VALUABLE
LEASEHOLD AND RECLAMATION
PROPERTIES.
Viz. —
LOT 1. — ALL THAT PIECE OR PARCEL
OF GROUND situate at Victoria in the
Colony of Hongkong registered in the LAND
OFFICE under SECTION C OF INLAND LOT
No. 1474.
Area 538 square feet. Annual proportion of
Crown Rent \$8.00.
The Premises situate upon it are No. 244,
Queen's Road Central and consist of a three
storeyed Chinese Shop used as a portion of "THE
SPORTSMAN'S ARMS" and are let on a lease for
5 years from the 1st March, 1898, at the monthly

LOT 332—ALL THAT PIECE OR PARCEL OF GROUND situate at Victoria, aforesaid, and registered in the Land Office as SUB-SECTION No. 3, of SECTION N OF IN-
LAND LOT No. 211.
Area 538 square feet. Annual proportion of Crown Rent \$20.85.
The premises situate upon it are known as No. 332, Queen's Road Central and consist of a three storied Chinese Shop.
LOT 333—ALL THAT PIECE OR PARCEL OF GROUND situate at Victoria, aforesaid, and registered in the Land Office as SECTION C OF MARINE LOT No. 199.
Area 1861 square feet. Annual proportion of Crown Rent \$20.85.
The premises situate upon it are known as No. 212, Praya West, and consist of a two storied Chinese Shop.
LOT 334—ALL THAT PIECE OR PARCEL OF GROUND situate at Victoria, aforesaid, and registered in the Land Office as SECTION K OF MARINE LOT No. 199.

Area 607 square feet. Annual proportion of Crown Rent \$75.50.

The premises situate upon it are known as No. 23, Queen's Road West, consisting of a two storied Chinese Shop and No. 3, Sai Hing Lane, consisting of a godown.

LOT 5.—ALL THAT PIECE OF PARCEL OF GROUND situate at Victoria, aforesaid, and registered in the Land Office as SECTION B OF MARINE LOT No. 198.

Area 1,576 square feet. Annual proportion of Crown Rent \$19.20.

The premises situate upon it are known as No. 224, Praya West, and consist of a two storied Chinese Shop.

LOT 6.—ALL THAT PIECE OF PARCEL OF GROUND situate at Victoria, aforesaid, and registered in the Land Office as SECTION H OF MARINE LOT No. 198.

Area 974 square feet. Annual proportion of Crown Rent \$11.30.

The premises situate upon it are known as No. 4, On Ning Lane, and consist of a Chinese godown.

LOT 7.—ALL THAT PIECE OF PARCEL OF GROUND situate at Victoria, aforesaid, and registered in the Land Office as SECTION H OF MARINE LOT No. 198.

The premises situate upon it are known as together with the Reclamation 19, the Remaining Portion of the said Lot.

Area of LOT 443 square feet. Annual proportion of Crown Rent \$7.84.

The premises situate upon it are known as Nos. 50 and 51, Praya West, and consist of a Chinese godown.

The Reclamation has nearly been completed and contains an area of 3,397 square feet.

For Particulars and Conditions of Sale, apply to

Messrs. DEACON & HASTINGS,
The Vendor's Solicitors.

Hongkong, 17th May, 1899. [6/23]

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION
No. 267.

THE following Particulars of Side of Crown Land by Public Auction, to be held on the spot, on **THURSDAY**, the 25th day of May, 1899, at 3 P.M. are published for general information.

By Command,
J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Colonial Secretary
Colonial Secretary's Office,
Hongkong, 6th May, 1899. [6722]

Particulars of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on Thursday, the 25th day of May, 1899, at 3 p.m., by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of CROWN LAND, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 Years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.					
No. of Sale.	Registry No.	LOCALITY.	Boundary Measurements.	Plants in natural state.	Annual Rental.
1	2	3	4	5	6

No. and Loc. No.	Area				Depth	Remarks
	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.		
Wanchai Road 50.5	80	53.7	60	4.548	57	1.0200

THE CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN AND
MORTGAGE CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE
A CERTIFICATE for 100 shares numbered 106972/17071 standing in the Register of this Company in the name of Miss ELLEN FARREL BROWN having been LOST.

NOTICE is hereby given that a **DUPLICATE** CERTIFICATE for the said shares will be issued one month hence, and that the **ORIGINAL CERTIFICATE**, unless produced within that period, will, hereafter be held by the Company as null and void.

Perf. SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.
ANTHONY BABINGTON
General Manager
Hongkong, 3rd May, 1860. 1860

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IT IS SAID

That a woman and her uncle living in Hong-kong have just died from an attack of cholera of such a violent nature that hardly any time elapsed from the moment they were seized by the sickness till they died.

That a neighbour who heard of the sudden attack immediately hung herself.

That the trains flowing into the sea along Des Voeux Road, Kowloon, throw off a most unpleasant effluvia at low tide and that they should be extended to below low-water mark.

That employment might be found for the ex-officials of Kowloon City on the Sanitary Board. Their experience of insanitary towns would prove invaluable.

That the absence of all disturbance at the occupation of Sam Chun shows how the Tai-pou affair might have been conducted.

That the mandarin of Kowloon walled city has fled to place no one knows where for fear of having his head taken off.

That Cardinal Vaughan will stand for election for the Papacy, and that if he does his election is sure.

That Monsignor Zaleski, who has for eight years represented the Pope in the East, has been advised to leave the Island of Kandy for the benefit of his health.

That five murders in two months is a record for Malacca.

That a Malay discovered a jar containing \$200 when digging the foundation of a house in Kelantan, and that the Rajah clapped him in prison till he surrendered the money.

That a young Siamese lost the whole of his toes recently by a train passing over them.

That a charge of wounding two of the crew of H.M.S. *Bombardier* has been preferred against one of the quartermasters of the P. & O. S.S. *Hallam*, whose nationality is understood to be Greek.

That the increased duty on brandy and whisky in Selangor amounts to an extra dollar on every dozen bottles imported: an increase of one hundred per cent.

That the magistrate of Hongkong does not permit a member of the police force, when on duty in Court, to lounge over his work, but insists on his standing at attention.

That Scotch whisky, to which the *Free Press* would affix the label of "dynamic," is being advertised for delivery in Singapore at a shilling the case, inclusive of freight. Wood and glass must be cheap whence this nectar of the gods emanates.

That in the settlement of Penang, during the first quarter of the present year there were 36 inquests and 16 views, out of the 88 inquests and 45 views in the colony. In only five cases out of the 36 inquests, were verdicts of suicide returned. Five verdicts of murder, and 1 of culpable homicide not amounting to murder, were returned.

That the Siamese government have ordered 50 bicycles at \$200 each for presentation to the princes. It may be worth while mentioning that the Siamese prefer a bicycle painted camellia red, and are unwilling to buy machines of any other colour.

That a minute has been published in Ceylon, dealing with the indebtedness of public servants. No person will in future be eligible for employment in the clerical departments of the public service unless he can furnish a declaration of freedom from debt.

That the young Cambridge undergraduate, Mr. Gwynn, who so mysteriously disappeared after leaving the University city, has just as mysteriously turned up again. He reached his friends at Putney, near Reading, having walked from Maidenhead, a distance of about fifteen miles. It is stated that he has no recollection as to how he got to Maidenhead, but he found himself at a coffee-house there, having lost his luggage, his gold watch and chain, and also what little money he had with him.

That a Seoul despatch to an exchange states that several hundred Koreans surrounded the police station there on the 1st inst., demanding compensation for a native-house which had been destroyed by a Japanese named Okawa. The natives threaten to kill the Japanese, if the police do not settle the case in a satisfactory manner at once.

That the Japanese new cruiser *Tokitsuna* in her official trial trip developed a speed of 23.89 knots, while the trial of the guns showed a satisfactory result. Captain Dewa, who is now in England to take charge of the cruiser, cabled the above to his Government at Tokyo, on the 6th inst.

That the 20,000 rifles and 2,000,000 cartridges seized by the Chinese authorities at Nanking at the request of General Wildman came from Europe, via Shanghai—not from Japan, as at first stated.

That the trial of the ex-President of the 11th Bank of Kyoto, Japan, for embezzlement will be held on the 29th inst. It is understood that eleven lawyers have been engaged to defend the accused.

That it is understood that Vice-Admiral Dubasoff, who is now in command of the Russian fleet in Chinese waters, will shortly be relieved on this station, and that Vice-Admiral Gildbrand, now in charge of the Russian Volunteer Fleet at St. Petersburg, will succeed him. It is believed that the present flagship, the *Rosita*, will also be selected for the pennant of the new Admiral.

At the forthcoming Paris Exhibition there will be exhibited a Japanese fire-screen of elaborate workmanship, representing waves breaking over a rock. It will be made of copper and the other portions inlaid with gold and silver, and will cost about 10,000 yen.

That a home paper states that a gang of men from the Pecos Ironworks, Philadelphia, will leave shortly to erect the bridge which is to carry the Soudan railway across the Atbara. The seven spans of the bridge, 1100 ft. in length, have already been shipped, though the order was given less than seven weeks ago.

That according to one of our Japan exchanges the new palace for the Crown Prince is to be built at a cost of 2,000,000 yen. The design for the palace is being prepared by Mr. Katayama, Superintendent Engineer of the Imperial Household.

That there were 73,029 Japanese and 29,475 European telegrams received at the Telegraph Department of the Nagasaki Post and Telegraph Office last month. These figures show an average of nearly 3,500 per day.

JAPAN.

The regular general meeting of shareholders in the Nippon Yusen Kaisha is convened for the 26th inst. The last half-year working we understand is considered unsatisfactory. The returns from the foreign runs are good, but the coasting service shows a great falling off, due to the general depression in trade. The dividend proposed will be at the rate of 8 per cent. per annum.

That the new German gunboat *Itz* steamed up the Shanghai river on Saturday afternoon and her appearance commanded great admiration from the shore as she slipped along.

That the Cricket season commenced on Saturday last, at Shanghai, but no matches of any importance were played. A couple of scratch matches took place, the first being an eleven of the Shanghai C. C. against twenty-two, and a team got up by the President of the Recreation Ground Club against a team of the Secretary's.

That M. Dulassoff, Admiral of the Russian fleet on the China Station, arrived in Shanghai on Thursday evening in the *Rosita*, entering the port in the *Gruntachy*, leaving the *Rosita* and *Rurik* at the Sables. The Admiral and family stayed at the Hotel des Colonies during their short visit and departed on Saturday night last for Chefoo, thence to Port Arthur, the three warships also proceeding to the same destination.

That the silver currency of Hongkong grows more fruitful and more wonderful day by day.

That a lady who went to the Hongkong Post office the other day at 4 o'clock was told she must bring parcels earlier.

That she took another parcel at 3 o'clock the next week for the same time and was told she must bring parcels still earlier.

That the lady remonstrated and said she knew of parcels being received from some people much later, and that the reply given was: "We only do that as a favour." There should be no favouritism.

That during the election riots at Bilbao twenty-six persons were wounded.

That eighty thousand people attended the Crystal Palace on April 17th to see the final trial played for the Association Football Club.

That Mr. Shiroya, an M.P., and others are taking steps for the formation of an Emigration Company with a view to sending Japanese labourers to Peru. It is proposed that the capital of the concern shall be ¥30,000.

THE EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN COMPANY'S NEW LINER.

The *Gloucester Herald* gives the following description of the *Eastern*, the Eastern and Australian Company's new liner, which is now on the way up from Singapore:

The new steamer *Eastern*, built by R. Napier & Sons (Limited) for the Eastern and Australian Steamship Company, London, has completed her official trials on the Firth of Clyde, when all the conditions of the contract were fully attained. The *Eastern* is the second steamer Messrs. Napier have constructed for the company, but is considerably larger and faster than the first, with many improvements to meet the requirements of the company's important service between Australia, China, and Japan, and although intended to carry a large cargo, is also designed to maintain a good speed at sea, with very superior accommodation for first and second class passengers. The general dimensions are:—Length, 350; breadth, 42; depth, 30 feet; and a gross tonnage of 3,380 tons, with a topgallant forecastle, long bridge, full poop, and shade deck amidships; constructed of steel of Lloyd's highest class under special survey, and complying in accordance with the Board of Trade regulations for passenger steamers. The upper decks and fittings are of oak, and the most modern appliances have been selected for the efficient working of the ship and cargo, including a very complete installation of electric lighting with double dynamos, refrigerating plant, &c. Luxurious accommodation has been provided before the machinery for 50 first class passengers, and as the vessel is intended to trade in tropical climates, the exceptionally large state-rooms have been placed on the upper deck, which admits of the latest improvements for the passengers. Above on the bridge deck are a handsome music-room and dining saloon; the walls of both are of selected teak, and furniture, including a specially designed piano, being of walnut; large square windows give abundance of light, and are draped with delicate green silk curtains, which have a charming effect, while a well skylight affords ample ventilation. Aft of the pantry, and communicating with the dining saloon by an inside passage, is a comfortable smoking-room in polished sycamore and walnut, the sofas and chairs are upholstered in dark green moiré, and the floor is of encaustic tiles, with teak gratings. Overhead the shade deck on which the boats are stowed forms an admirably shelter to the spacious promenade on the bridge deck, which is reserved for the first-class passengers. Very superior accommodation has been supplied in the poop for the second-class which is scarcely inferior to the first, and includes a large dining saloon, comfortable smoking-room, four-bath cabins, bath-rooms, &c., and the twelve decks are fitted for European and Chinese emigrants. The machinery consists of a set of triple-expansion engines, having cylinders 27, 45, and 72 inches diameter by a feet stroke, with two double-ended boilers for a working pressure of 185 lbs., and fitted with the most recent appliances for efficiency and economy, including Howden's forced draught, bronze propeller blades, &c. The results of the trials were very satisfactory, the contract speed being easily attained, and Mr. Henry Stubbs, who represented the company, expressed himself as highly pleased with the ship and her performance. Having been built with a cut-away bow and figurehead, the *Eastern* has a very handsome appearance, and is altogether a splendid specimen of a first-class merchant steamer.

BRITISH AND AMERICAN BLUEJACKETS.

The United States cruiser *Raleigh*, which has just arrived at Bermuda, has according to Laifan, met with exceedingly hearty greeting from Her Majesty's ship *Renown*, the flagship of the British Atlantic Squadron. The crew of the *Renown* cheered the visitor, whose men returned the greeting in the same fashion. The British battleship sent a supply of fresh two vessels, exchanged titles and took lunch together. The crews took informal and friendly part in the exchange of civilities, and every sign of good comradeship was displayed.

SITUATION IN CHINA.

Discussing the effect of the punitive measures adopted by the Germans in Shantung, the *Morning Post* says that "doubtless the Tsung-tsi Yamen is clever enough to recognise that of all the Powers which are besetting its Empire from North, South, East and West, Germany is the most determined in carrying her way through its red tape. Recognising this, it follows that the Yamen will politely acquiesce in the action taken by the Germans. It would be useless to sulk, and worse than useless to object."

Attention is called to the methods adopted respectively by Germany and Italy in China, which suggested the conclusion that it is daily becoming more futile to pay the Tsung-tsi Yamen the compliment of diplomatic treatment, and to the distrust of all things foreign which is deeply implanted in the heart of every Chinaman; and in this connection the *Morning Post* says: "Too much is made of this aversion from foreigners. Its danger lies in the use which is made of it by seditious intrigues in the Palace, but if the Great Powers could but agree to put their own differences behind them, and to arrange for a joint Protectorate in China with the least possible disturbance of the existing order of things, this spectre of a revolution against the foreigners should not cause them much trouble."

THE RIGHT MAN.

We are very pleased to hear that Captain Hastings has been confirmed in his appointment of Postmaster General, and feel convinced that our readers will agree with us in saying that he is the right man in the right place.

THE PEKING-HANKOW RAILWAY LOAN.

The long expected prospectus of the loan for the Peking-Hankow Railway line has at last been issued. The total amount of the loan is £12,500,000, and the bonds will be of £100 each bearing interest at 5 per cent, the price of issue being 105, or £105 for each £100 bond. The interest is payable half-yearly on May 1st and Sept. 1st in each year, and the bonds, which are guaranteed free of all Chinese taxes present or future, will be repayable at par by annual drawings (to be held in Brussels) within twenty years from Jan. 1st, 1909. This loan is to be exclusively devoted to the line which is to be built between Peking and Hankow. It is especially guaranteed to the Peking-Hankow line, on all receipts of the line, and will be the first charge, on all receipts of the line, known as the Société d'Etude de Chemins de fer en Chine, which has its nominal head office in Brussels, will have full control over the construction and working of this line, which is nominally in the hands of a company called the Compagnie des Chemins de fer Chinois, which was authorised by Imperial Edict in 1896. The issue is made simultaneously in Paris, Brussels, Amsterdam, and Geneva. The Chinese Company, at the head of which is Fung Sheng, made the contract in June, 1898, with the Belgian Syndicate, which was constituted by French and Belgian capitalists with the view of opening up the two countries openings for trade or industries in China. On the 225,000 shares represented by the loan it bought 78,000 and held certain option rights over the other 147,000 shares. The quantity now offered for subscription on 19th inst. is 133,000. Nearly all of the fixed rolling stock will be ordered from French or Belgian manufacturers, though it is stated that as far as possible to be purchased in China, and the Société d'Etude de Chemins de fer en Chine will work the line on behalf of the Chinese Railway Company.

NOTANDA.

CALENDAR.

MAY.

Meteorological means based on ten years' observations to 1899.

Barometer..... 30.867

Thermometer..... 76.2

Humidity..... 84.0

Rainfall..... 15.0

TO-DAY.

Barometer..... 30.90

Thermometer..... 82

Humidity..... 77

Rainfall..... 68

TO-DAY.

Friday, 19th May, 1899.

Chinese—10th of 4th moon of 25th year of Kwang-si.

Sun—Rises..... 6hr. 6min.

Sets..... 5hr. 55min.

High water—Morning..... 5hr. 33min.

Afternoon..... 5hr. 30min.

Low water—Morning..... 10hr. 32min.

Afternoon..... 10hr. 31min.

ANNIVERSARIES.

1841—The Select Committee issued a notice that British Trade would be suspended at Canton on August 1st.

1849—Attempted assassination of the Queen by Hamilton.

1878—Capt. Superintendent Deane and several constables wounded by burglars in Hongkong.

1883—Defeat of a French sortie at Hanoi; Commandant Riviere killed.

1899—Fire at the godowns of the Hongkong Dispensary; damage \$160,000.

1895—Bishop Pizzoli consecrated.

1897—Capitulation of the S.S. *Sir Hong Ann* near Malacca; 100 lives lost.

TO-MORROW.

Saturday, 20th May, 1899.

Chinese—11th of 4th moon of 25th year of Kwang-si.

Sun—Rises..... 6hr. 6min.

Sets..... 5hr. 55min.

High water—Morning..... 5hr. 33min.

Afternoon..... 5hr. 30min.

Low water—Morning..... 10hr. 32min.

Afternoon..... 10hr. 31min.

ANNIVERSARIES.

1506—Christopher Columbus died.

1843—Sir H. Pottinger, at Government House, Hongkong.

1858—Capture of the Taku forts.

1859—The Austrians defeated by the French at Montebello.

1868—The German brig *Leona* taken by pirates in the China Sea.

1890—The striking of coins at the Canton Mint commenced.

1897—Armistice of 17 days declared between Turkey and Greece.

AGENDA.

TO-MORROW.

10.45 A.M.—Mail for Europe closes.

MONDAY.

What Monday, Bank Holiday.

SHIPPING AND MAIL NEWS.

MAILED DUE.

American (City of Rio de Janeiro) to-morrow.

Australian (Aurora) 21st inst.

Australian (Tasmania) 22nd inst.

Indian (Koh-i-Noor) 23rd inst.

American (Coptic) 26th inst.

Australian (Futani Maru) 27th inst.

Canadian (Empress of China) 30th inst.

American (America Maru) 3rd prox.

American (City of Peking) 13th prox.

The Nippon Yusen Kaisha's steamer *Yushu Maru* (Europe Line) left Singapore for this port yesterday, the 18th, and is expected to arrive here on the 23rd instant.

The Nippon Yusen Kaisha's steamer *Hiroshima Maru* (Hambay Line) left Bombay for Tuticora and Singapore for this port yesterday, the 18th, and is expected to arrive here on the 5th proximo.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK RETURNS.

City of Peking at Kowloon Dock.

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Intimations.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

(THE JAPAN MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.)



PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS.	DESTINATIONS.	SAILING DATES.
KAWACHI MARU J. S. Thompson.	MARSEILLES, LONDON, and ANTWERP, via SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO & PORT SAID.	SUNDAY, 21st May, at Daylight.
INADA MARU W. Bailbridge.	YOKOHAMA (DIRECT).	WEDNESDAY, 24th May, at 4 P.M.
KASUGA MARU E. W. Haswell.	THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY and MELBOURNE.	FRIDAY, 26th May, at 4 P.M.
FUTAMI MARU C. H. Hillcoat.	NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA.	MONDAY, 29th May, at 4 P.M.
*IDZUMI MARU M. J. Currow.	SEATTLE, (WASH. U.S.A.) via KOBE, YOKOHAMA & VICTORIA, B.C.	THURSDAY, 1st June, at 4 P.M.
BINGO MARU G. E. P. Cook.	MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP, via SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO and PORT SAID.	SUNDAY, 4th June.

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A. S. MIHARA, Manager.

Hongkong, 17th May, 1899.

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BECAUSE the Equitable is the strongest Life Company in the world, having over 11 Millions sterling of Surplus, and

BECAUSE Surplus not only means financial strength, but is also the fund from which dividends to policyholders are paid.

BECAUSE Dividends to policyholders must be earned before they can be paid, and during the last ten years the Equitable's Surplus Earnings have been larger than those of any other Company.

BECAUSE during the past five years the Equitable has paid each year more than £400,000 in dividends to policyholders. No other Company can point to such a record.

BECAUSE the Policies of the Equitable are paid more promptly than those of any other Company.

AND THEREFORE BECAUSE a man assuring the Equitable secures a contract backed by the Company which is the strongest in the world, which earns greater profits, and which pays its Policies more promptly than any other Company.

Assets: £53,826,937 Stg.
Surplus: £11,939,085 Stg.

F. KIENE, Acting Manager,
No. 9, Queen's Road, Hongkong.
Hongkong, 21st April, 1899. [549a]

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Twin Screw Steamships—6,000 Tons—10,000 Horse Power—Speed 19 knots.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

EMPRESS OF CHINA... Comdr. R. Archibald, R.N.R. WEDNESDAY, 7th June, 1899.
EMPRESS OF INDIA... Comdr. O. P. Marshall, R.N.R. WEDNESDAY, 28th June, 1899.
EMPRESS OF JAPAN... Comdr. Geo. A. Lee, R.N.R. WEDNESDAY, 19th July, 1899.

THE magnificent Twin-screw Steamships of this Line pass through the famous INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and usually make the voyage YOKOHAMA TO VANCOUVER (B.C.) in 12 DAYS, saving THREE DAYS TO A WEEK in the Trans-Pacific journey, and make connection at Vancouver with the PALATIAL TRANS-CONTINENTAL TRAINS of the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY which leave daily, and cross the Continent FROM THE PACIFIC TO THE ATLANTIC WITHOUT CHANGE. Close connection is made at Montreal, Quebec, Halifax New York and Boston with all Trans-Atlantic Lines, which passengers to Great Britain and the Continent are given choice of.

Passengers booked through to all principal points and AROUND THE WORLD. Return tickets to various points at reduced rates, Good for 4, 6, 9 and 12 months.

SPECIAL RATES (First class only) granted to Missionaries, Members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic and Civil Services, and to European Officials in the Service of China and Japan Governments.

The attractive features of the Company's route embrace its PALATIAL STEAMSHIPS, (second to none in the World), the LUXURANCE OF ITS TRANS-CONTINENTAL TRAINS (the Company having received the highest award for same at recent Chicago World's Exhibition), and the diversity of MAGNIFICENT MOUNTAIN AND LAKE SCENERY through which the Railway passes.

THE DINING CARS AND MOUNTAIN HOTELS of this route are owned and operated by the Company, and their appointments and Cuisine are unexcelled.

For further information, Maps, Guide, Books, Rates of Passage, &c., apply to D. E. BROWN, General Agent, Pedder's Street.

Hongkong, 17th May, 1899.

TOYO KISEN KAISHA.

TO SAN FRANCISCO, VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

NIPPON MARU (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Honolulu)	Sunday, 21st May, at Noon.
AMERICA MARU (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Honolulu)	Tuesday, 13th June, at Noon.

THE Steamship

"NIPPON MARU" will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, VIA SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA AND HONOLULU, on SUNDAY, the 21st May, at Noon, taking Freight and Passengers for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at HONOLULU, and Passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point en route.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States or Canada. Rates may be obtained on application.

Passengers holding through ORDERS TO EUROPE have the choice of Overland Rail routes from San Francisco including the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE, and NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAYS, also the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY on payment of £4 in addition to the regular tariff rate.

Passengers holding orders for OVERLAND CITIES in the United States have between San Francisco and Chicago, the option of the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE, and other direct connecting Railways and from Chicago to destination the choice of direct lines.

Particulars of the various routes can be had on application.

Special rates (first class only) are granted to Missionaries, members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services, to European officials in the service of China and Japan, and to Government officials and their families.

Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States, via Overland Railway, to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, by the Company's and connecting Steamers.

Freight will be received on board until 4 P.M. the day previous to sailing. Parcel Packages will be received at Office until 5 P.M. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same to be stated; marked to address in full; value of same to be stated; required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to points beyond San Francisco in the United States should be sent to the Company's Office in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, Queen's Building.

J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent.
Hongkong, 19th May, 1899. [131a]

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY.

FOR PACIFIC COAST, CANADA, AND THE UNITED STATES.

THE C. P. R. Company's Steamship

"TARTAR," 4,435 tons gross register, will be despatched on or about THURSDAY, the 1st June, for VICTORIA, and VANCOUVER, VIA MOJO, KOBE, & YOKOHAMA. The Vessel has Excellent Accommodation for Saloon Passengers. Through Tickets issued to all points.

Through Bills of Lading issued to PACIFIC COAST, CANADA, and the UNITED STATES. For information as to Rates of Freight and Passage, &c., apply to D. E. BROWN, General Agent.

Hongkong, 18th May, 1899. [167a]

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR STRAITS, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADEN, EGYPT, MEDITERRANEAN PORTS, PLYMOUTH AND LONDON.

(Through Bills of Lading issued for BATAVIA, PERSIAN GULF, CONTINENTAL and AMERICAN PORTS.)

THE Steamship

Captain A. Symons, carrying Her Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this for BOMBAY, &c., on SATURDAY, the 27th instant, at Noon, taking Passengers and Cargo for the above Ports.

Silk and Valuables, all Cargo for France, and Tea for London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Colombo into a steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London; other Cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed via Bombay.

Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 P.M. the day before sailing. The Contents and Value of all Packages are required.

Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Bills of Lading.

For further Particulars apply to H. A. RITCHIE, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 13th May, 1899. [5]

NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP COMPANIES.

VIA SHANGHAI, INLAND SEA, KOBE, AND YOKOHAMA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

FROM VICTORIA, B.C. AND TACOMA, IN CONNECTION WITH NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY CO.

Glenora... 3,750 | J. McGillivray... | May 30.
Olympia... 3,750 | J. Truebridge... | June 17.
Victoria... 3,502 | J. Panten... | July 4.
Tacoma... 2,811 | A. Dixon... | July 29.

ALSO FOR PORTLAND, OREGON, IN CONNECTION WITH OREGON RAILROAD AND NAVIGATION COMPANY.

Lenox... 3,677 | Williamson | June 3.
Columbia... 2,976 | N. Moncur | July 8.
Nonmouthshire... 2,874 | W.A. Evans | July 22.
Lenox... 3,677 | Williamson | Aug. 19.

THE attention of Passengers is directed to the very cheap rates offered by the Line, HONGKONG TO LONDON £47.

Excellent accommodation. First-class Tables. DOCTOR AND STEWARDESSE carried.

HONGKONG TO NEW YORK £41.

The Railroad travelling is second to none on the American Continent. Magnificent Scenery of the ROCKY and CASCADE MOUNTAINS. The YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK route. Passengers to EUROPE may proceed by one of the first class ATLANTIC MAIL LINES.

HONGKONG TO TACOMA £28.

Rates of Passage to other Points on application. Special rates allowed to members of Government Services.

Through Bills of Lading issued to Pacific Coast Points, and to Canadian and United States Ports.

Consular Invoices of Goods for United States Ports should be in quadruplicate; and one copy must be sent forward by the steamer to the Freight Agent, Tacoma, Wash., or Portland, Or. (whichever may be the destination of the Steamer).

Parcels must be sent to our Office (with address marked in full) by 5 P.M., on the day previous to sailing.

For further information apply to DODWELL & CO., LIMITED, General Agents.

Hongkong, 12th May, 1899. [14]

FOR SAN FRANCISCO. "QUEEN MARGARET" Fraser, Master, will load for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to SHERMAN, TOMES & CO., General Agents.

Hongkong, 16th March, 1899. [163a]

Mails.

NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

(Freight Service.)

(Taking Cargo at through rates to ANTWERP, AMSTERDAM, ROTTERDAM, LONDON, BRUGES, LONDON, LIVERPOOL, GLASGOW, TRINITY, GENOA, PORTS IN THE LEVANT, BLACK SEA AND BALTIC PORTS; NORTH AND SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS.)

PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS.	DESTINATIONS.	SAILING DATES.	Freight and Passage.
*HEIDELBERG...	HAVRE and HAMBURG.	23rd May.	Freight and Passage.
*SIBIRIA...	(LONDON with transshipment in HAMBURG) HAVRE and HAMBURG.	About 30th May.	Freight and Passage.
Hildebrandt...	(LONDON with transshipment in HAMBURG) HAVRE and HAMBURG.	About 15th June.	Freight and Passage.
*KONIGSBERG...	(LONDON with transshipment in HAMBURG) HAVRE and HAMBURG.	About 25th June.	Freight and Passage.
DEIKE	NEW YORK.	About 5th July.	Freight and Passage.
RICKMERS.	via SUPER CANAL.	July.	Freight and Passage.

* These Steamers have Superior Accommodation for Passengers and carry a Doctor and a Stewardess.

Calling at NAPLES for Passengers only, if sufficient inducement offers.

For further particulars as to Freight, Passage, &c., apply to CARLOWITZ & Co., Agents.

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U.S. MAIL LINE. PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP CO.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

City of Rio de Janeiro (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Honolulu) Saturday, 27th May, at Daylight.

City of Peking (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Honolulu) Thursday, 22nd June, at Noon.

China (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama & Honolulu) Tuesday, 18th July, at Noon.

THE U. S. Mail Steamship "CITY OF RIO DE JANEIRO," will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, via SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA & HONOLULU, on SATURDAY, the 27th May, at Daylight, taking Passengers and Freight for Japan, the United States, and Europe.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at Honolulu, and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point en route.

Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers, and to the principal cities of the United States of Canada. Rates may be obtained on application.

Passengers holding through ORDERS TO EUROPE have the choice of Overland Rail Routes from San Francisco, including the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE, and NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY, also the CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY on payment of £4 in addition to the regular tariff rate.

Passengers holding Orders FOR OVERLAND CITIES in the United States have between SAN FRANCISCO and CHICAGO, the option of the SOUTHERN PACIFIC, CENTRAL PACIFIC, UNION PACIFIC, DENVER and RIO GRANDE, and other direct connecting Railways, and from Chicago to destination the choice of direct lines.

Particulars of the various routes can be had on application.

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Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States, via Overland Railways, to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, by the Company's and connecting Steamers.

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J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent.
Hongkong, 12th May, 1899.

CALIFORNIA AND ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

IN CONNECTION WITH THE ATCHESON TOPEKA & SANTA FE RAILROAD CO.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG TO SAN FRANCISCO AND SAN DIEGO.

VIA INLAND SEA OF JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

Taking Cargo and Passengers to Japan Ports and HONOLULU; THE UNITED STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL & SOUTH AMERICA, &c.

Thyra... 3,406 | about 21st May 30.
Belgian King... 3,379 | about 21st June 30.
Carmarthenshire... 2,929 | about 21st July 20.
Cardiff City... 3,002 | about 21st Aug. 20.

THE Steamship "THYRA," will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO and SAN DIEGO VIA NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on or about the 30th May.

Through Bills of Lading issued to any point in the United States.

Cargo will be received on board until 4 P.M. the day previous to sailing. Parcel packages will be received at the Office until the same time. All parcels should be marked to address in full. Value of same is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to Points beyond San Francisco, in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Office in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Freight and Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, General Agents.

Hongkong, 12th May, 1899. [163a]

THE Company's Steamship "COETIC," will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, via SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU, on TUESDAY, the 5th June, at Noon.

Steamers of this line pass through the INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at Honolulu, and passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point en route.

